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GREETINGS CRUSADER READERS
Greetings Crusader readers to our late summer/early fall edition! We at The Crusader have worked long hours to gather the very best of news/updates/stories, and everything else we could think of to amuse and inform ya! We hope that you will enjoy this latest issue. It's chock full of wonderful goodies for you all! So what are you waiting for? Read away! :)

As promised, we have been hard at work on many extra projects to help us all get our fave Vampires back. Here are just a few things....

For Halloween, we have begun the "Fangs for the Knight" campaign. Full information is contained in an article in this issue.

Originally scheduled for August, the Kickstart The Knight auction has had to be delayed until September, due to the high volume of merchandise we have acquired. Everyone has been very generous! And you all have our heartfelt thanks! But don't forget, we can always use more! As you all know, every penny collected goes towards placing ads in the trade papers. We have been placing half page ads, but if enough money is collected at the end of the auction, who knows? Perhaps we can try to have a full page ad this next time!! :) We do know for a fact that The industry has indeed noticed them!!

FANGS FORTHE KNIGHT: A HALLOWEEN PROJECT FOR OFFLINE AND ONLINE FANS
This Halloween, Kickstart The Knight will be doing something special to encourage The Powers That Be to provide us all with not only a return of the original series of FK to the schedule, but also renew it as a series with the original cast and/or return it as one or more made-for-television movies, and for more merchandise.

We have purchased vampire fangs, in an assortment of neon colors. From now through October 22, 2000, we are asking each and every Forever Knight fan to please send an e-mail or regular mail message asking for the above. It can be a simple message asking for FK's return, or as detailed as you would like. The messages you send should be like the ones you have been sending feedback during the email blitzes, or like what you would send in your regular mail letters. By now, you all know we want more FK, the original cast, merchandise, etc. and if you like,

you can make it Halloween oriented. :) We will in turn will print out and attach your mail to a set of fangs, and send it to Tristar/Columbia and the Sci Fi Channel in special packages. We are hoping to purchase coffin shaped boxes!

Let's make sure that this Halloween is the one where we finally get what we want! So come on and join in on the fun and help the cause! Let's make sure we let them all know that we want Nick and company to take another bite out of crime!!!

Send the e-mails to: SField8067@aol.com and put "Fangs Project" in the subject line. If you know an FK fan who does not have online access, please tell them about this project and have them send letters via regular mail to: KtK, P.O. Box 1914, Racine, WI 53401-1914.

CAMPAIGN 2000
Is Kickstart the Knight getting political? Nah, not unless you count our campaigning for our favorite show! Lady Sukh has made LaCroix 2000 campaign t-shirts to help raise funds for the next Kickstart the Knight ad. Show your support for FK by putting a real blood sucker in office! The shirts are black 50/50 Jerzees in sizes up to 3x. The lettering reads "LaCroix 2000" and below that "When you're tired of voting for the lesser of two evils". All profits from the sale will go to Kickstart the Knight. The shirts are $20.00 plus $3.50 shipping, or $4.50 shipping to Canada. All must be in U.S. funds. Checks or money orders should be made payable to Inkslinger Images and mailed to: LaCroix 2000, 3315 Harvard Drive, Arlington, TX 76015. Be sure to include mailing address, size wanted, and a contact email address or phone number so Lady Sukh can confirm receiving your payment. Please also be sure to place your order as soon as possible, as the offer will end soon. For more information, you can email Lady Sukh at dkraptur@aol.com. This is a great way for both offline and online fans to help Kickstart the Knight! And remember, these would make great gifts for any FK fan!

FOR OUR FRIENDS AT THE SAVE OUR SENTINEL CAMPAIGN
The Sentinel Ad Group has started a new campaign to get the folks at Sci Fi Channel to notice them...the Five Senses Campaign. If you are a fan of The Sentinel, please visit their website at http://www.geocities.com/sentineladgroup/whatsnew for more information.

WRITE FOR THE KNIGHT
For more FK on Sci Fi:

Stephen Chao
USA Networks
2049 Century Park E, Ste. 2550
Los Angeles, CA 90067

Bonnie Hammer
Sci Fi Channel
1230 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10020

Edgar Bronfman Jr.
CEO & President
The Seagram Co. Ltd.
375 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10152-0192

For more FK merchandise:

Marci Gordon
Sony Product Development
TriStar Building, 3rd Fl.
10102 W. Washington Blvd.
Culver City, CA 90232

800-Trekker
P.O. Box 13131
Reading, PA 19612-3131

For more FK books:

Grace Ressler
Publishing Manager
Sony Signatures
TriStar Building, 3rd Fl.
10202 W. Washington Blvd.
Culver City, CA 90232

Boulevard Books
The Berkley Publishing Group
200 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10016

For FK on video:

Columbia House Video Library
1400 Fruitridge Avenue
Terre Haute, IN 47811

For fans in the U.K.:

Customer Relations Department
British Sky Broadcasting PLC
Subscriber Management Centre
P.O. Box 43
Livingston
West Lothion
EH54 7DD
SCOTLAND

The Sci Fi Channel
77 Charlotte Street
London
W1P 2DD
ENGLAND

NEWS

Nigel Bennett's episodes of the innovative and unusual series "Lexx" will begin on the Sci Fi Channel on Friday, August 18, 2000 at 10:00 p.m. Eastern. He appears in ten out of thirteen episodes of the third season as Prince from the planet Fire. For more information, visit the official Nigel Bennett webpage at http://www.blackhatstation.com.

Geraint Wyn Davies will appear at the Atlantic Theatre Festival in Wolfville, Nova Scotia again this year, in a staged reading of "Dylan Thomas and Shakespeare: In the Envy of Some Greatness" written by Leon Pownall. It will be a one-night only performance on September 3, 2000 beginning at 8:00 p.m. For more information visit http://www.atf.ns.ca/geraint.htm or call 1-800-337-6661.

Bats 2000, a sci fi convention in London, England where Nigel Bennett was scheduled to appear in October of this year has sadly had to be cancelled by the organizers due to unfortunate circumstances beyond their control.

According to the production company, the feature film "One of the Hollywood Ten", in which Geraint Wyn Davies appears as film writer Michael Wilson, is currently in post-production. It is anticipated that the film will hit theaters in December 2000 or January 2001.

Nigel Bennett will appear at Crusade for a Cure, a sci fi convention to raise funds to help fight AIDS in Africa, which takes place September 15-17, 2000 at the Doubletree Hotel in Costa Mesa, California. Also appearing to support this worthy cause are stars from Babylon 5, Crusade, and others. For more information, contact The Ulysses Foundation, 23010 Lake Forest Drive, Suite D, #395, Laguna Hills, CA 92653, or visit http://www.ulyssesfoundation.org/c4ac/convention.asp.

Nigel Bennett will again appear at Lights, Camera, Auction! which is in its third year of raising funds for charity. This year LCA3 will raise money for The Gatehouse,

which provides assistance for children and adult survivors of abuse, and for Children of the Night, which rescues children from street prostitution. LCA3 will take place October 20-22, 2000 in Toronto, Canada. Other "Forever Knight" guests include Kathryn Long ("Divia"), producers Nicholas Gray and Larry LaLonde, and director Jon Cassar. For more information, visit http://www.mpica.org/LCA3/main.htm or contact Motion Picture Industry Charitable Alliance, P.O. Box 1284, Springfield, Ohio 45501-1284.

"His Father's Son" the second vampire novel co-authored by Nigel Bennett and P.N. Elrod, is finally completed. The publisher expects that the book will be on store shelves in April or May 2001. For more information, visit the official Nigel Bennett webpage at the address listed above.

Ben Bass ("Vachon") will appear in an episode of "Stargate: SG-1" on Showtime on September 22, 2000 at 10:00 p.m. Eastern. The episode title is "The Curse".

KICKSTART THE KNIGHT TEAR-OFF LETTER TO SCI FI

Below is a quick and simple way for everyone to help "Kickstart the Knight"–a form letter for each of us to send to Sci Fi Channel! This is not meant to replace the personal letters which all of us need to keep writing, but is a way for us to do something even if we are too busy to write our own letters. So please, each and every one of you, fill in your name and address on the form below (this is important–they have to know we are real people), cut it off of this page, and mail the form in an envelope addressed to: Ms. Bonnie Hammer, Sci Fi Channel, 1230 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10020. There are also a few lines for optional additional comments, and lines for optional personal information. Next issue we will include another tear-off letter to another member of "the powers that be".

Dear Ms. Hammer:

I am a fan of the series "Forever Knight" and I am writing to ask that you bring "Forever Knight" back with the original cast, either as one or more made-for-television movies or as a regular series. I am a consumer with disposable cash and I would like to spend it to support the advertisers who would purchase commercial time during "Forever Knight" movies or new episodes.

Name:
Address:
City:
State/Province:

Zip/Postal Code:
Sex: Date of Birth:
Occupation:
I have been watching Forever Knight since:

UPCOMING SCI FI/FANTASY/HORROR CONS
Cons are our biggest opportunity to spread the word about "Forever Knight". If you see a con in your area, please drop off some Kickstart the Knight flyers on a free literature table at the con or on a FK fan merchant's table. The current flyer can be obtained by writing to Becky at: KtK, P.O. Box 1914, Racine, WI 53401-1914; or by sending e-mail to BJDFKFan@aol.com. Be sure to include how many copies of the flyer you would like, as well as your street address to send them to. The flyer can also be downloaded by following the "Kickstart the Knight Flyer" link at http://www.ktk.op.nu.
Date Name of Con Location Contact for Info
Aug. 18-20, 2000 ArmadilloCon Austin, TX http://www.fact.org/dillo/d22/index.html
Aug. 18-20, 2000 VikingCon 17 Bellingham, WA 360-319-8833; http://www.sfnorthwest.org/vikingcon
Aug. 18-20, 2000 FinnCon Helsinki, Finland http://www.finncon.org/nyt/english.html
Aug. 18-20, 2000 Mythcon XXXI Kilauea, HI 808-967-8333
Aug. 18-20, 2000 Lexicon - Unicon 2000 Oxford, UK http://www.smof.com/unicon2000
Aug. 25-27, 2000 Bubonicon 32 Albuquerque, NM 505-266-8905; http://members.aol.com/bubonicon
Aug. 25-28, 2000 Slanted Fedora Entertainmt. Entertainmnt Kansas City, MO 913-327-8735; http://www.sfedora.com
Aug. 31-Sept. 4 Chicon 2000 Chicago, IL http://www.chicon.org
Sept. 1-3, 2000 Panathenaea London, England http://freespace.virgin.net/dragona.hc/Panathen
Sept. 1-3, 2000 Bona-Con 2000 Aberdeen, Scotland http://www.ssbonaccord.co.uk/convention.htm
Sept. 8-10, 2000 Slanted Fedora Entertainmt. Durham, NC 913-327-8735; http://www.sfedora.com
Sept. 8-10, 2000 Coppercon 2000 Scottsdale, AZ 602-973-2341; http://www.casfs.org/cucon
Sept. 8-10, 2000 Fantasycon 2000 Birmingham, UK http://www.herebedragons.co.uk/bfs/fc24.htm
Sept. 15-17, 2000 Crusade for a Cure* Costa Mesa, CA http://www.ulyssesfoundation.org/c4ac/convention.asp
Sept. 15-17, 2000 Arcana St. Paul, MN 612-721-5959; http://pages.prodigy.net/rekal
Sept. 22-24, 2000 Conchord 14 (filk con) Van Nuys, CA http://sundry.hsc.usc.edu/conchord14.html
Sept. 22-24, 2000 Ditto 13 (fanzine con) Dallas, TX http://www.circlenk.com/ditto

Sept. 23-24, 2000 Chariots of War II London, England
http://www.cleopatra2525.co.uk
Sept. 28-Oct. 1 Experiment in Terror Rosemont, IL http://www.twilight-terrors.com
Sept. 28-Oct. 1 Shorecon 2000 (gaming) Cherry Hill, NJ 609-426-9339;
http://gameconvention.com/shorecon
Sept. 29-Oct. 1 Archon 24 Collinsville, IL 636-326-3026;
http://www.stlf.org/archon/24
Sept. 29-Oct. 1 Trinoc-Con 2000 Durham, NC 919-968-3868; http://www.trinoc-con.org
Sept. 29-Oct. 1 Context XIII Columbus, OH 614-889-0436;
http://www.contextcon.com/con13a.html
Oct. 6-8, 2000 Albacon 2000 Albany, NY http://www.albacon.org
Oct. 6-8, 2000 ValleyCon 25 Fargo, ND 701-241-7654;
http://www.valleycon.freeservers.com
Oct. 6-9, 2000 Gaylaxicon 2000 Arlington, VA http://www.lambdasf.org/g2k
Oct. 13-15, 2000 ICON 25 Coralville, IA 319-626-2099;
http://www.mindbridge.org/icon
Oct. 13-15, 2000 ConCept Montreal, QE, Canada http://www.conceptsf.com

* Nigel Bennett is scheduled to appear at this convention!

THE NEW YORK FOREVER KNIGHT POOL PARTY: A REPORT ON A FAN GET-TOGETHER!
By Susan Honig
We had a nice fan get together for the NY Area in Susan H's house. The party started at 1pm and ended approximately at 10PM.

Folks started arriving at 1PM. Everyone brought something that we all coordinated to avoided duplications. That meant we had a virtual feast on our hands. I put many of my albums out for folks to look at as they walked in. We had three relatively new individuals to fandom, Maritza M, Helene Z and Jessica L. All three had loved Forever Knight but had never gone to a FK event before. I think after this party we may be expecting them to go to other FK events.

Around 3pm after a few brave folks went into the pool we all got together to play FK Scategories. Susan G made up the game with mostly FK or vampire categories. One rolls the dice for a letter and has to name items which begin with that letter. An example would be items in Nick's loft or the Raven etc. We had a good laugh at some of the innovative answers that popped up.

After dinner, more folks went into the pool or hot tub and others watched "The Thing We Do Not Have" (Ed.: Sorry, those of you who don't know what this is. We can't elaborate for fear of TPTB causing trouble for all of us.) and Green Eggs and Ham (that was Nigel and John reading the book at Syndicon). I went downstairs to

watch with them since its really kewl watching with folks that have never seen those tapes.

We had several raffles: Nancy D. had made some wonderful shirts with "Nicholas deBrabant Foundation" with his crest. If anyone is interested please contact her at Knghtwtch@aol.com. They are lovely. Susan G brought a match book with was won by Julia K and will be redonated for charity. She also bought a page of the Abarat which was won by Gail (now if I can only figure out a way to mail it to her). We asked every winner to please write a KtK letter for the cause.

Other fellow attendees were Julia B, Sharon H, Brenda B, Frank W, Marla K, Candyce G, and June W.

This party was meant to only be an event where FK fans can get together and really talk about the show and its stars without feeling that folks are looking at you as if you were crazy. Without keeping fandom alive we can't keep FK alive. We all decided that we would try to make this an annual event.

THE CRUSADER`S WEB PAGE PICKS
For those of you who may be newly on-line, or who have been on-line but may have forgotten about some of the "Forever Knight" related web sites that are out there, we would like to help! We will be giving you locations and descriptions for some of our favorite FK web sites. For this issue, we have a sister act!

1. Kristin Harris' Forever Knight site located at
http://members.xoom.com/forever_nick/Forever_Knight
KtK staffer Kristin Harris has a site with tons of interesting FK goodies such as pics, .avi movies, original Windows wallpapers, and of course KtK information. The .avi movies even include scenes that were cut from the U.S. versions of FK. This site has many things an FK fan computer owner will want!

2. Lauren Harris' Forever Knight site located at
http://members.xoom.com/vampirekiss3/nick_jan_page/webpage
Kristin's sister Lauren has a great FK site of her own, focusing on the various possible romantic relationships in FK. She also has lots of pics, as well as pages where visitors can list their reasons for liking a particular FK relationship or character, a fun section of FK goodies and treats, and her fanfic archive. Another must-see site!

FOREVER KNIGHT/THE SENTINEL CROSSOVER FANFIC
"HEARTLESS" Part 2
By Toni

Conversation was halted as Knight yawned for the third time in as many minutes. "Sorry," he said to Jim.
Ellison started to reply, but a loud snore from the Caddy's back seat interrupted him. Both men turned to regard the sleeping Blair Sandburg.
"Kid's snoring could wake the dead," Jim muttered.
Nick's loud bark of laughter seemed to surprise him as much as the American. To Jim's rather startled look, Nick said, shaking his head, "Sorry, must be getting punchy."
"How long's it been since you slept?"
Knight cranked down his window, allowing the chilly night air to wash over his face. "What year is it?" he grumbled.
"Oh, *that* long."
"Damn flu's hit half the department and I've been working double--triple?--shifts. I haven't been home in two days. Or is it three?" Nick's tired eyes went back to Blair, and he added, "Reminds me of Schanke--my partner. He swears he never so much as closes his eyes when we're on a stakeout, but the truth is, he's out like a light if we have to
sit for more than an hour."
"Actually, Sandburg doesn't usually sleep when we're out. He's had it pretty hard lately, pulling long hours at the university and with me on a couple of tough cases." Nick noted the defensive tone of the other man's words, and it amused him. He honestly hadn't intended any criticism. To regain the ground he'd lost, he said, "It must be difficult for him, dividing his time like that. I understand he's an anthropologist, studying...closed societies?" Jim nodded, and Nick added, "How long has he been riding along with you?"
"A little over two years now."
"Wow," Nick said, surprised. "Must be some paper he's working on."
"Dissertation. It's his doctoral dissertation. He's been very helpful on a lot of cases; the department uses him as a consultant. That tends to cut into his university time."
And just that fast, they were back to defensive. Nick wished he was less exhausted; there was more here than met the eye. He was sure of it, or as sure as he could be given his current deader-than-usual state of exhaustion.
The silence stretched between them for an uncomfortably long time. "I think I'll get out and, uh, stretch my legs," Nick finally said, opening the door. "Be back in a few minutes."
Jim watched him leave the alley and turn right at the street.
"Next time just shoot the guy, Jim."
Ellison twisted around and saw Blair, still lying on the wide back seat, staring at him. "What do you--"
"He was just making polite conversation, and you jumped on him with all four feet."
"I didn't jump--"
"Jumped, man. You definitely jumped. It wasn't even the words so much as the tone--you sounded defensive as hell." Blair grinned. "Kinda sweet though. Defending my honor."
"*I* was just making conversation, Sandburg. And how would you know anyway? You were asleep."
"I woke up about the time Nick laughed, then said he was punchy." Blair sat up slowly, stretching his arms and rolling his shoulders. "So I guess nothing's happening with the case?"
"Zip. That's one thing Knight was right about--this is a dead-end stakeout. There's

nobody in that building."
Blair leaned forward to rest his arms on the back of the seat, on the empty driver's side. "I thought I told you not to--" He waggled his fingers at his ear.
"I didn't," Jim said sharply. "I don't always need super hearing to know the suspect's flown the coop. It's obvious to any cop with half a brain--"
"Hey, take it easy. Why're you yelling at me?"
"I'm not--" Jim cut himself off. After a few seconds' pause, he went on.
"Sorry, Sandburg. This thing with my ears--I guess it's really bugging me."
Blair nodded sympathetically. "Well, there has to be a logical explanation for why you can't pick up a heartbeat or breathing from Knight. Has to be. We just have to find it."
"Sure."
"Don't be so negative, man. We'll figure this thing out." With a sheepish look, Blair added, "But before we get started, I have *got* to find a john. My bladder's--"
"Spare me the play-by-play, Chief," Jim joked. "Knight told me there's a gas station about a block away, with decent bathrooms."
They got out of the car. Jim pointed deeper into the alley. "Go to the end of the alley, hang a right, and it's half a block ahead on the left."
"You want anything--granola bar, sparkling water?"
"You know, most partners would offer to bring back candy bars and Coke, a little sugar and caffeine to help us stay awake."
"And most partners woulda had you committed the first time they saw you do your I'm-A-Block-of-Marble impression, Mr. Zone-out."
Laughing at Jim's mock glare, the grad student headed into the alley.

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Blair exited the men's room, his business complete. As he emerged, his eye was caught by movement in the parking lot behind the gas station. The lot was empty of cars and fairly dark, but he saw what appeared to be an old
man (white hair was visible in the dim glow of a distant streetlight) come around the corner of the distant building and start across the parking lot.
A frown grew on Blair's face. Nothing strange in seeing a guy walking at night, right? So why were the hairs on the back of his neck standing up? What was wrong with this picture?
Without realizing it, the grad student had left the gas station and was moving toward the dark parking lot. When he reached the edge of the lot, he finally figured out what had bothered him.
There were two figures standing near a dumpster. No, not standing. Lurking. Though indistinct in the darkness, they seemed to be hunched down behind the dumpster, waiting.
Waiting for the old guy who was walking, unaware, into their trap.
Blair was off and running toward the old guy as soon as he saw the lurkers. Part of him was amazed that he'd realized something was wrong, even before his conscious mind picked out the lurkers; must be a little of Jim's cop-sense rubbing off on him. Another part of him, though, was wondering exactly what the hell he was going to do, unarmed, against these two probable muggers.

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Lucien LaCroix was in a good mood. The vampire had just fed well, on a man who'd made the fatal error of thinking him a likely target for robbery and murder. Though he found Nicholas's oft-stated notion that they shouldn't feed on "innocent" humans to be ridiculous, the fact that this fellow was much less "innocent" than his usual provender tickled LaCroix's sense of the absurd, of the whimsical. He would have to share this bit of drollery with Nicholas as soon as he saw him again.
Memory of his last encounter with his protege drove the faint smile from LaCroix's pale face. Though he'd never admit it to *anyone*, a tiny, vehemently denied corner of his being cared very much what Nicholas thought of him. He strongly disliked their quarrels, which seemed to be growing in frequency of late.
The scent of living creatures impinged on his thoughts and LaCroix hesitated momentarily. Resuming his stroll almost at once, the vampire cleared his mind of distracting thoughts and concentrated instead on what lay before him.
Ah, yes. There were two of them. Their quickly muffled whispers and their location told the canny vampire all he needed to know. They were obviously on a hunt--for him.
LaCroix smiled. It was a peculiar expression, made up of equal parts joy, anticipation, and disdain. He wasn't in the least hungry. Yet, the knowledge that these two mortals thought to ambush him sent the newly consumed blood singing in his veins.
He never could resist a hunt.

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Blair ran on his toes, sprinting as rapidly and as silently as he could toward the old guy. Three strides before reaching him, Blair yelled, "Look out! It's a trap!"
He intended to simply push the would-be victim out of the way. However, his foot slid in some debris and Blair found himself crashing into the man, sending them both to the ground.
As his police detective partner had taught him in countless lessons at the local gym, Blair hit the ground and rolled. It wasn't a picture-perfect move, but it worked. He didn't get tangled up with the other man, but ended up back on his feet, between the still-sprawled older guy and the two
attackers.
"Back off, guys! I've got you covered!!" he yelled. Without taking his eyes from the two assailants, he added, "Mister, are you okay?"

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It had been a very, *very* long time since LaCroix had been surprised by anything. Or anyone.
However, with his senses focused forward at the impending attack, he managed to miss the near-silent approach of the third man. When he did see him and turned to face this closer threat, the third man's frantic yell--"Look out! It's a trap!"--startled him enough that he hesitated. In
that split-second, he found himself knocked aside. His foot landed on a discarded soda can, which rolled under it. LaCroix went down.
"Back off, guys! I've got you covered!!" yelled the man who'd knocked him down. Then: "Mister, are you okay?"
He'd placed himself between LaCroix and the two attackers. Though the vampire

was still picking himself up from his graceless sprawl, his very excellent night vision had no trouble identifying the weapon his "rescuer" held pointed toward the two attackers.
Yes, indeed. All in all, a most startling episode.

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The sentinel had gotten out of the Caddy and strolled to the alley's entrance. As he leaned against the building and idly scanned the street ahead, he wondered what was taking his partner so long. Could Sandburg have managed to get himself lost while traveling only a block away?
His bored thoughts were interrupted as he caught sight of a familiar-looking blond head. He enhanced his vision and found that his instinct had been correct: Detective Knight was walking slowly back toward the alley. The Canadian was a little more than a block away.
Finally, Jim thought. 'Bout damn time he showed--
<<Look out! It's a trap!>>
Jim jumped in surprise, turning to look behind himself. Though it was definitely Sandburg's voice, Sandburg himself was nowhere to be seen.
<<Back off, guys! I've got you covered!!>>
Oh, yeah. Definitely Sandburg's voice.
Jim took off down the alley at a run.

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Nick was walking tiredly back to his car when he sensed the presence of Lucien LaCroix. He halted. The strange bond he shared with the vampire who'd brought him across so many centuries ago was not something that gave
him pleasure. Yet the connection had been a part of him for so long that he no longer wasted energy fighting it or cursing it or worrying about it. It simply was. Because of that bond, he knew without a doubt that LaCroix was nearby. Further, he knew that LaCroix was...astonished.
Something with the power to surprise such a long-lived and cunning vampire might be a threat to the city Nick had sworn to protect. He was still a block from the alley where the Americans waited. He ducked into a dark
side street, checked quickly to be sure he was unobserved, then chose a mode of travel much swifter than feet.
Detective Knight abandoned his human pose and took to the air, flying toward the source of LaCroix's shock.

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Blair had received no reply to his worried query, so he risked a quick glance over his shoulder. Even as he saw that the white-haired guy was moving, the fellow said sharply, "Watch it!" and Blair had to face front again as one of the attackers feinted toward him.
"Stay back!" Blair ordered. "I won't hesitate to use this!" He swung the object in his hand in an arc, and the black-haired man who'd made a move toward him fell back a step.
"Wha' the fu' izzat, Raz?!" demanded the other assailant, his shaven head gleaming

in the dim light.
The black-haired man, Raz, shrugged one shoulder. "Don' look like much to me, Taz," was his reply.
"It's a deadly weapon," Blair told them. He could've sworn he heard a sound from the man behind him; it sounded suspiciously like a laugh, but he ignored it. He concentrated on keeping himself whole and unsliced by the
long, wicked-looking knives wielded by the duo before him.
"Don' look like shi' t'me," Taz opined, then made a short lunge toward Blair.
Blair swung his weapon in an arc between the two men and growled, "You try that again, Baldy, and you'll lose the few teeth you got left!"
The attackers remained where they were, regarding him warily.

"Are you okay, mister?" Blair asked again.
"Yes. Thank you." The voice was low, but Blair thought it didn't sound old at all. Still, he was glad the guy was okay; he certainly hadn't meant to tackle him like that.
"Hey, Curly," Raz sneered. "What kinda gun you got there? Looks like nuthin' t' me."
Blair plunged in without hesitation. "It's a Phasing Tazer," he stated.
This time Blair most definitely heard the chuckle that came from the other man. With his free hand, the grad student signaled frantically behind his back, waving the fellow to silence. A very soft "So sorry" floated to his ears.
Raz and Taz gave barks of laughter. "Man, you off your head," said Raz.
"Sounds like some Star Trek shi'," put in Taz.
"It's a new weapon, highly experimental. There are only *three* in existence." Assuming a scoffing tone, Blair added, "You actually think I'd risk facing down armed criminals if I didn't have a weapon?"
"Star Trek shi'," Taz repeated dismissively. "Git 'im, Raz."
His compatriot, however, seemed swayed by the force of Blair's conviction, and by the inescapable logic of Blair's last statement. Rather than obeying his friend's order, Raz appeared to be thinking the whole matter over. After a moment, he shook his head and said, "Don't wanna risk it, T. There's plenty easier fish t'fry."
Raz began to back away, and Blair nearly fainted from relief. Once again the man behind him made a noise. Fortunately, he kept his amusement too low for the others to hear.
Taz was nonplussed by his friend's actions. However, noting that Blair's attention was concentrated on Raz's departure, he decided to make his own move. He launched himself silently, knife flashing toward Blair.
From the corner of his eye, and only at the last moment, did Blair see the attack. He was caught completely off balance. All he had time to do was drop to the ground and pray that the man he'd rescued would have the sense to run.
The impact never came. Blair felt a strange gust of wind tear at his clothes. He heard an odd, animal-like snarling and a low cry of pain, then silence. After a few seconds, he lifted his head. Astonishment bloomed on his face.
Taz lay facedown on the ground, blood oozing from his throat. Raz was now in full flight, some twenty yards away and running hard.
Blair whirled, suddenly remembering the other man.
The white-haired guy was still crouched on the ground behind him. He lifted his head and several things flashed into Blair's mind.
The man, though white-haired, was most assuredly *not* old; he looked to be in his early forties, at most.
The man was amazingly pale, and was there was something on his face?

The man's eyes were glowing yellow!

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10) Owns Darth Maul costume
9) Owns controlling interest in the Campbell's Soup company (lacroix.com)
8) Strange addiction to 'dancing icon' sites
7) Computer strategy game obsession
6) 'Trekkie' -- Jean-LUC Picard, Tom PARIS
5) Street-corner preacher in Montreal every full moon
4) Karaoke champ at Bud's Bar 'n' Bistro (deep in the Canadian woods)
3) Fervent fan of Harvey the Wonder Hamster
2) Owns controlling stocks. The medieval kind.
1) Inspired the character of 'Dracula' by climbing straight down a castle wall chasing after Nick, who had hid his underwear (lace-edged boxers sewn by Janette during one of Nick's flashbacks.

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